

# Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) TAX-FREE COMPENSATION

## FOR DISABLED RETIREES!

### Are You Eligible to Apply?

To apply for CRSC, applicants must first meet ALL four of the following criteria AND have at least one rated VA disability determined to be combat related:

- Served 20+ years Active Duty - OR - Reservist age 60+ with 20+ qualifying years (per 10 USC 12731);
- Are in a retired status;
- Are entitled to retired pay that is offset by VA disability payments (VA Waiver); and
- Have at least a 10% VA disability rating.

NOTE: If you waived your military retirement for Civil Service credit, you are not eligible for CRSC.

### What is “Combat-Related?”

Combat-related disabilities are those incurred with documented proof:

- 1.In the performance of duty under conditions simulating war (e.g., exercises, field training);
- 2.While engaged in hazardous service (e.g., flight, diving, parachute duty);
- 3.Through an instrumentality of war (e.g., combat vehicles, weapons, Agent Orange); or
- 4.As a direct result of armed conflict.

### What CRSC Means to You

A single veteran with gross military retirement pay of \$2500 and a VA rating of 40% for combat-related disabilities would receive:

Without CRSC:
<b>VA Compensation (tax free) :</b> \$501
<b>Military Retired Pay (taxable) :</b> \$1999
With CRSC:
<b>VA Compensation (tax free) :</b> \$501
<b>Military Retired Pay (taxable) :</b> \$1999
<b>CRSC (tax free) :</b> \$501



### What is CRSC?

CRSC offers certain military retirees a monthly tax-free compensation that supplements their VA disability pay (VA Waiver) and retired pay if sufficient evidence exists that proves some or all of their



### Approval Rates

- Sixty-six percent of applicants are approved
- Payments range from \$115 to over \$2700 per month



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## How to Apply

To obtain an application and for more information, contact:

### Air Force

HQ AFPC/DPPDC  
550 C Street West, Ste 6  
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4708

1-800-616-3775 or  
210-565-1600  
(0600-1600 hrs CDT/CST)  
<http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>



### Army

US Army Physical Disabilities Agency - CRSC  
200 Stoval Street  
Alexandria, VA 22332-0470

1-866-281-3254  
(0800-1900 hrs EDT/EST)  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/crsc>

### Coast Guard

Commander (adm-1-CRSC)  
Personnel Command  
4200 Wilson Boulevard, Ste 1100  
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

1-866-307-1336  
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/adm/adm1.htm>

### Navy and Marine Corps

Secretary of the Navy Council of Review Boards  
Attn: CRSC  
720 Kennon Street SE, Ste 309  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023

1-877-366-2772  
<http://www.hq.navy.mil/ncpb/CRSCB/combatrelated.htm>

## Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP)

This program is managed by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), and is similar to CRSC. It is designed to restore military retirement pay offset by VA compensation for veterans who have a total disability rating of 50 percent or higher.

It's an automatic phased-in program and CRDP payments increase at 10% per year through 2013.

Veterans cannot receive payments from CRSC and CRDP at the same time; however, if you are eligible for both programs, DFAS will initially establish payments under the program that provides the highest monthly payment. After that, you will be allowed to select the program during the annual open season election period.

PROGRAM FACTS	CRSC	CRDP
Tax Free	✓	
Retroactive	✓	
Immediate Full Monthly Payments	✓	
Payable at 10% VA Disability Rating	✓	
Full Pay for Individual Unemployability (IU)	✓	

For more information on CRDP and other retired pay matters, call the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at 1-800-321-1080 or visit their website at:  
<http://www.dod.mil/dfas/retiredpay.html>